



PATENT

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Application of: Brian Whitman  
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Title: EXTRACTING CLASSIFYING DATA IN MUSIC FROM AN AUDIO BITSTREAM

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR § 1.114**  
**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004, applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114, and herein provide a submission in the form of a Reply to the Final Office Action including new argument as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 11 of this paper.